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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Zhong-Cheng Hu** )  
 ) Art Unit: 1712  
Serial No.: **09/397,814** )  
 ) Examiner: **Metzmaier, D.**  
Filed: **September 17, 1999** )  
 )  
For: **Sol-Gel Processing With Inorganic** )  
 **Metal Salt Precursors** )  
 **Management Properties** )

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sirs:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of November 8, 2000 in the above referenced application. This Response and Amendment is timely filed in view of the attached Petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee.

Please note that a new Associate Power of Attorney is filed concomitantly with this Amendment and Response.

**AMENDMENTS**

***In the Claims***

Please cancel Claims 11 and 49 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please replace Claims 1-10, 12-48 and 50-51 with the following replacement claims containing the claim amendments attached hereto as "Claim Amendments Version and Markings to Show Changes Made."

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service  
As first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, DC 20231, on March 8, 2001.

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